

Dairy Handlers Career Development Event

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Purpose of Event

Skills in dairy cattle handling and herd management are essential for successful careers in the dairy industry. FFA activities are an integral part of the instructional program in Agriculture, Food, and Natural Resources Education. The Dairy Handlers Career Development Event provides a competitive opportunity for agricultural education students to test their skills in handling animals and presenting each animal to its best advantage for the dairy cattle participants in the evaluation of the dairy cows and heifers during the Dairy Cattle Evaluation Career Development Event.

State Core Curriculum Content Standards

Through Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources Education, FFA helps students meet the State Core Curriculum Content Standards in various areas. The Dairy Handlers Career Development Event teaches students about Language Arts Literacy and Visual and Performing Arts standards. Some examples of how the Dairy Handlers Career Development Event is meeting these standards are:

All students will access, view, evaluate, and respond to print, non-print, and electronic texts and resources.

- Comprehension and critical analysis skills of Agricultural Education students are developed through identification and evaluation of animals through media (slides, videos, and computer CD-ROM). [3.5 - Language Arts Literacy: Viewing and Media Literacy]

All students will develop, apply and reflect upon knowledge of the process of critique.

- Students apply the process of critique through the evaluation of animals. [1.4 Visual and Performing Arts: Critique]

Rules of Event

All Career Development Events will follow the general rules, which are published in the NJ State FFA Activity Guide (Form 7.000). This event will consist of one (1) phase, which includes handling and presenting each animal to its best advantage for the dairy cattle participants in the evaluation of the dairy cows and heifers during the Dairy Cattle Evaluation Career Development Event. Chapters may have one (1) participant compete. For more details on this event, [click here](#) to consult the [National FFA Career Development Event Handbook](#).

Scoring for the New Jersey Event

(other scoring will occur on the national level)

Phase I – 100 points

- Appearance (10 points)
- Control of Animal (20 points)
- Poise and calmness (20 points)
- Competence (40 points)
- Positive Attitude (10 points)

Individual Total - 100 points

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SAE Opportunities and
Proficiency Award Areas
that correspond to the Dairy Handlers
Career Development Event!](#)